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REMARKS

The indication that claims 3 to 15 contain allowable subject matter is noted with appreciation. Those claims, where appropriate, have been placed in independent form and it is believed that claims 3 to 15 are immediately allowable.

The rejection of claims 1 and 2 under 35 USC 102 as anticipated by JP '238, if applied to the claims as amended, is respectfully traversed. Both claims 1 and 2 have been further revised expressly to state that they exclude a case in which at least one of A, B, C, and D represents pyrene, a moiety that is expressly required in the compounds of the cited reference.

In view of the foregoing revisions and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the case is in condition for allowance and a USPTO paper to those ends is earnestly solicited.

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The Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned if additional changes are required in the case prior to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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